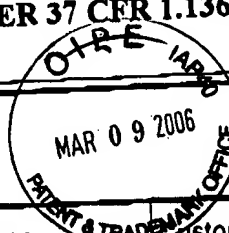


**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)**  
**(Large Entity)**

Docket No.  
 14774

In Re Application Of: **JOHNSON, Donald B. et al**



Application No. 09/773,665	Filing Date 02/02/2001	Examiner KLIMACH, Paula W.	Customer No. 000293	Group Art Unit 2135	Confirmation No. 7060
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Invention: **MASKED DIGITAL SIGNATURES**

**COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:**

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of 09/12/2005 in the above-identified application.  
*Date*

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

☐ One month    ☐ Two months    ☒ Three months    ☐ Four months    ☐ Five months

from: December 12, 2005    until: March 12, 2006  
*Date*    *Date*

The fee for the extension of time is **\$1,020** and is to be paid as follows:

- ☐ A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.
- ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No.
- ☐ If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No.
- ☐ Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

**WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.**

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Dated: March 9, 2006

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